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## CATHOLIC CHURCH AT MOSES

Stone Edifice Near Home of Delfin Espinosa One of Finest Houses of Worship in Union County

The new Catholic church, at Moses, situated upon the hill directly back of the home and store of Delfin Espinosa, is one of the finest church buildings in the county and would do credit to a much larger community than that in which it is located.

The building is of stone, with shingle roof, and is an example of good workmanship throughout. The interior is finished with much attention to detail and is large enough to seat several hundred people.

## FIRE SWEEPS BUSINESS DISTRICT OF KENTON

The general merchandise stock and shoe buildings and fixtures of Guy W. Shack, the building and fixtures of the First State Bank of Kenton, an empty building and an overland car belonging to Charles Hammond, a residence belonging to John Shawling, and the household furnishings of Mrs. Wiggins, who was occupying the Shawling home, the building of the Kenton telephone exchange and some supplies and equipment of that company, was the toll of a disastrous fire which swept the town of Kenton early Wednesday morning.

The loss is estimated at nearly seventy thousand dollars and is all well covered by insurance.

The fire is believed to have originated in the lumber yard of Mr. Shack. It is that by residents of the town interviewed by the Newmarket Wednesday that a smoldering fire in some green chips in the lumber yard had been overlooked at closing time Tuesday night and had been whipped into a blaze by the stiff wind that came up about midnight.

Mrs. Wiggins discovered the fire and aroused the town by firing a revolver, but there was little to be done after the fire was discovered as it had gained to great a headway to be extinguished by the inadequate water supply available.

Residents and business men of Kenton are not disheartened by the disaster, although practically one half the business section is in ruins.

"I will rebuild as soon as I can adjust my affairs," said Mr. Shack, "and will be in business again and ready to serve my customers in a very few weeks, at the most."

"I managed to save the switchboard," stated Mr. Hughes, manager of the telephone company, "and will have the country lines in working order this afternoon. The switchboard will be located in the building directly across the street from the burned building and complete service will be re-established by the time your paper is out, or by Saturday evening. I will rebuild on the same location immediately. My loss was very light, of course, compared to others. I lost the building and some supplies and equipment but five hundred dollars will cover it all."

"Everything of most value, of course," stated Mr. Beehler, cashier of the bank, "was in the vault, which is undamaged in the interior. We lost this building and our fixtures, both of which are covered by insurance. We will be ready for business tomorrow in the old pool hall at the west end of the street."

"While this is little short of a calamity in a town so small as this," said Mr. Eddy, publisher of the Record, "I do not feel that it will materially hurt the community in the long run. Those who have lost in this fire will be recompensed by their insurance and will rebuild, either on the old locations, or on new ones. And this may lead to the establishment of some adequate means of fire fighting, which is very necessary."

## OPERETTA BY HIGH SCHOOL AND ADVANCED GRADE PUPILS PLEASED A LARGE AUDIENCE



THE PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PLAY GIVEN AT THE MISSION, THURSDAY NIGHT. SEATING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, UPPER RABBIT RIVER, MISS LOIS PATTON, IRVING H. CLARK, MISS STELLA WIT, S. LOWIE, ROBERT CALDWELL, MISS RINGBOW, A. DEAN

### Hymen Closes Two Couples

Mrs. Joseph Bywater and Howard Massey were married Wednesday. Mrs. Massey has made Clayton and Union county her home for a number of years and the groom is a progressive young farmer of the Thomas district, where the couple will make their home.

Miss Martha Rose and J. H. Backer were married Sunday at the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James M. Backer at the pulpit in the Methodist church. They will make their home in the city.

### School Children Picnic

The pupils of Mrs. Howard's class the fifth grade, spent a delightful last day of school on the Perico, some three miles below town, where they played games and had a picnic lunch, which was highly enjoyed by all. The trip to and from the picnic ground was made in a lumber wagon, and needless to say, the trip was half the fun.

### Kilburn Home Next Week

W. D. Kilburn, who accompanied Frank Kilburn to Minnesota, where Frank underwent an operation for appendicitis, has returned to Clayton and expects to see rapidly recovering. Frank will return the latter part of next week.

### Building New Garage

Dr. Winchester is having a fine new garage erected back of his home. The building is of concrete and will be well equipped. In fact it will be a model private garage and a fitting home for the new Mitchell runabout which he has ordered and expects soon.

### Baby Seriously Ill

W. B. Linn, the plumber, was called to his ranch near Moses, Thursday on account of the serious illness of his baby daughter. The little girl was brought to Clayton Friday and is improving.

### Stillman Building Again

Charles Stillman is building a house on his lot opposite the school house. This is the third house Mr. Stillman has built in Clayton the last three months.

### Special Agent Leaves

Burton S. Green, Special Agent of the State Land Office, who has spent the past month in Clayton looking after land matters, left the fore part of the week for Springfield, Mrs. Green accompanied him.

### Boy At Street's

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Street are the proud parents of a baby boy which arrived at their home Sunday, May seventh.

The Japanese Gypsies, the opera by the pupils of the high school and the high school grades which marked the closing of school and which was given at the Mission last Thursday night was one of the most delightful home-told and affairs ever given in Clayton.

All scenes were set in their various parts in the drama and musical story unfolded upon the stage the applause was hearty and frequent.

This little opera from the Japanese, the story of which was published in these columns some three weeks ago, is one of the best and most interesting stories that have appeared in the American press and the special scenery which had been secured for the occasion helped to carry the opera to its success.

Several new dance steps had been introduced and the dancing of the choruses and principals and the music which was of the catchy, happy variety, was excellent.

The complete cast of characters is as follows:

Princess Chrysanthemum, Lois Patton.

Attendants on the Princess:

Do-Do, Jennie Gray.

Yan-Yan, Benjamin Sanchez.

To-To, Clarence Young.

Tulip, Stella Aytes.

Emperor What-for-Whis, Vincent Steele.

Prince So True, Harold Rivers.

Prince So-Sil, Robert Caldwell.

Top-not, Robert Chamberlain.

Arthur Dean.

The Cat, Julius Kingdom.

Fairy Moonbeam, Evelyn Kitts.

Chorus:

Faye Batelli, Lizzie Herrings, Elizabeth Grimes, Lena Wieland, Ruth Patton, Van Morgan, Edith Robar, Emma Snyder, Lois Giddens, Luella Ward, Janie Lee Cox, Catherine Dentry, Veda McArthur, Elsie Orliss, Oma Kitts.

Sprites:

Lucy Sullivan, Fay Batelli, Katherine Dentry, Emma Snyder, Janie Lee Cox, Stella Aytes, Ida Welland, Hazel Yates.

Mrs. Leighton Recovering

Ed Lord and Mrs. Lord, of Kenton were in Clayton the fore part of the week to meet Mrs. Leighton who was returning from Denver where she had been operated upon for appendicitis. Mrs. Leighton had been bed ridden, practically, for the past three years, but the operation, which was performed by Dr. Miligan, formerly of Kenton, but now located in Denver, was entirely successful and Mrs. Leighton is recovering rapidly.

## WOODMEN INITIATE AND EAT

Clayton Camp and Visitors Take In Two New Members And Feast At Silver Moon

Two candidates were initiated to the mysteries of Woodcraft and familiarized with the "Royal Dump" at the meeting of Clayton Camp No. 1277, Monday night. After the routine business of the order and the ceremony of initiation was completed the members and their guests repaired to the Silver Moon, where a hearty lunch had been prepared a "sumptuous feast" which was highly enjoyed. The visiting choppers were J. B. Smith, W. T. Gibbons, O. I. Young, C. B. Grimes, Neal Oyster, Gus Smith, Walter Jamieson, Willis Bell, E. A. Smith, Jas. Loyless, J. B. Smith, and A. B. Smith, of the Silver Moon.

## RIXEY TAKES UP REINS OF CITY GOVERNMENT

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, last Tuesday evening, Mayor T. B. Rixey took up the reins of city government which were placed in his hands by Mayor H. J. Garmon, with the determination to have his administration one of the best and most business like in the history of the town.

A great many matters of civic improvement will come before the present board. The extension of the city limits, the enlargement of the electric light plant, the purchase of a chemical truck, and it is highly probable, this year will see the inauguration of a move to build a complete and commodious city hall.

The board passed favorably upon the motion of Mr. de Baer to hire a consulting engineer of experience and ability to make a survey of the needs of the town and to assist the board in carrying out the proposed improvements.

C. P. Eastwood was reappointed Town Attorney and Dr. Bristol Town Physician, while Mr. Jones and Mr. McAdams qualified for their positions as clerk and treasurer.

The session was quite an extended one, as was necessary, owing to the fact that the old board had to clean up the loose ends and turn the affairs of the city over to the incoming board with as little unfinished business as possible.

### Miss Lippard Leaves

Miss Carrie Lippard, who for several weeks has been in charge of the local Western Union office, left for Rocky Ford, Colo., Thursday, to which point she has been transferred by the company.

R. R. Pearson, of Boulder, Colorado, takes her place at the local office, assuming his duties as manager Thursday.

### Leonard Herzstein Recovering

Leonard Herzstein, who was operated upon at the San Raphael Hospital, in Trinidad, Monday, for appendicitis, is reported to be recovering from the operation and will return home the latter part of next week.

### Moore's Return

F. C. Moore and wife, who were called to Oklahoma by the serious illness of Mrs. Moore's father some three weeks ago have returned home. Mrs. Moore's father has improved in health.

### Oklahoma Visitor Pleased

P. H. Noeth, of Catsby, Oklahoma, was a Clayton visitor, Wednesday. Mr. Noeth expressed himself as well pleased with this section and may locate here if a desirable opening presented itself.

### Delivered Broom Corn

A. J. Payne, one of the hustling farmers of the Sedan country, delivered ninety one bales of broom corn to a Clayton buyer the first of the week. He received \$120 per ton.

### High School Pupils Picnicking

Pupils and faculty of the High School are enjoying a picnic on the Perico this afternoon.

### Thomas Garrity Dead

Thomas Garrity, the father of Roy Garrity, died Tuesday night at the home of his son, several miles from the city. Deceased had just recovered from an attack of pneumonia and this believed his weakened condition was such that an attack of heart trouble caused his death.

The remains were brought to the home of W. E. Graham, Mrs. Roy Garrity's father, and the funeral services were held from the Kilburn Undertaking parlors Thursday, the Rev. Davies officiating.

Interment was in the Clayton cemetery.

Thomas Garrity was seventy years of age and had made many friends during his stay in Union county at St. John's school. His family consisted of his wife, a widow, two sons, Roy and Clyde, and a daughter, Mrs. Hall, of Oklahoma.

### Kenton Man to Denver

W. E. Young, of Kenton, returned to Clayton Wednesday, bringing with him his brother-in-law, John Thorpe, who, Wednesday evening took the C. & N. for Denver, where he will spend several weeks under medical treatment. Mr. Thorpe suffers from stomach trouble.

### To Denver For Operation

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, of Kenton, passed thru Clayton the fore part of the week on their way to Denver, where Mr. Jones will undergo an operation for appendicitis. Miss Ethel Jones, who accompanied them will stop over in Trinidad, where she will visit friends.

### Three Mitchell Cars

Three Mitchell cars were delivered in Clayton the latter part of the week. These cars are said to be the best word in motor car construction and are of luxurious equipment. Dr. Winchester received a roadster and Morris Johnson and Fulgenzio C. de Baer each received a touring car.

### Five Fords Delivered

The Pioneer Garage delivered five Fords this week to the following: Guy W. Shack, Kenton, James Orr, Sedan, C. M. Eubanks, Thomas, E. L. Hall, Sampson and Mr. Jack, of Sedan.

### Former Resident Visiting Here

E. P. Carnes, of Dahlart, is in the city this week looking after business matters. Mr. Carnes was one of the early settlers in Clayton and was principal of the schools here for many years. He was busy all week, renewing his acquaintanceship with many of his former pupils and shaking hands with old friends.